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WILSON WOULD RE- VISE SENATE RULES

Strong Words Used in Formal Address to the Country.

The failure of the Senate to uphold President Wilson and to endorse his program of armed neutrality by filibustering tactics during the closing hours of the last Congress, calls for the following strong language by the President:

"The termination of the last session of the Sixty-fourth Congress by constitutional limitation discloses a situation unparalleled in the history of the country, perhaps unparalleled in the history of any modern government. In the immediate presence of a crisis fraught with more subtle and far-reaching possibilities of national danger than any other the government has known within the whole history of its international relations, the congress has been unable to act either to safeguard the country or to vindicate the elementary rights of its citizens.

"More than 500 of the 531 members of the two houses were ready and anxious to act; the house of representatives had acted, by an overwhelming majority; but the senate was unable to act because a little group of 11 senators had determined that it should not.

Physical Endurance Supreme.

"The senate has no rules by which debate can be limited or brought to an end, no rules by which dilatory tactics of any kind can be prevented. A single member can stand in the way of action if he have but the physical endurance. The result in this case is a complete paralysis alike of the legislative and of the executive branches of the government.

"This inability of the senate to act has rendered some of the most necessary legislation of the session impossible, at a time when the need for it was most pressing and most evident. The bill which would have permitted such combinations of capital and of organization in the export and import trade of the country as the circumstances of international competition have made imperative a bill which the business judgment of the whole country approved and demanded—have failed.

Other Legislation Blocked.

"The opposition of one or two senators has made it impossible to increase the membership of the Interstate Commerce Commission or to give it the altered organization necessary for its efficiency. The conservation bill, which should have released for immediate use the mineral resources which are still locked up in lease is more imperatively necessary than ever, and the bill which would have made the unused water-power of the country immediately available for industry have both failed, though they have been under consideration throughout the sessions of two congresses and have been twice passed by the house of representatives.

"The appropriations for the army have failed, along with the appropriations for the civil establishment of the government, the appropriations for the Military Academy at West Point, and the general deficiency bill. It has proved impossible to extend the powers of the shipping board to meet the special needs of the new situation into which our commerce has been forced or to increase the gold reserve of our National banking system to meet the unusual circumstances of the existing financial situation.

Senate Remains Paralyzed.

"It would not cure the difficulty to call the 65th congress in extraordinary session. The paralysis of the senate would remain. The purpose and the spirit of action are not lacking now. The congress is more definitely united in thought and purpose at this moment, I venture to say, than it has been within the memory of any man now in its membership. There is not only the most united patriotic purpose but the objects members have in view are perfectly clear and definite. But the senate cannot act unless its leaders can obtain unanimous consent. Its majority is powerless, helpless. In the midst of a crisis of extraordinary peril, when only definite and decided action can make the nation safe or shield it from war itself by the aggression of others, action is impossible.

"Although as a matter of fact the nation and the representatives of the nation stand back of the executive with unprecedented unanimity and spirit, the impression made abroad will, of course, be that it is not so, and that other governments may act as they please without fear that this government can do anything at all. We cannot explain. The explanation

HEPPNER STREETS WILL BE IMPROVED

Work in improving the various streets of Heppner will be started just as soon as the weather moderates and some of the larger mud-holes have dried up. According to W. O. Minor of the streets and public property committee, the city now has on hand \$3000 for this work, and while it is comparatively a small sum for the amount of improvement to be done, under careful supervision it is estimated that a great many of the bad places can be eliminated.

Mr. Minor, who has some practical ideas in road construction, says that where fills are made, nothing but gravel will be used. Give a street a solid rock foundation and a good covering of gravel, eliminate all dirt and water, apply oil and you have a street that approaches that of a hard surface, is the view expressed by Mr. Minor. He will put these ideas into practice wherever and as often as possible.

THE JUNIOR CLASS PARTY

The Junior class party held at the High school building Friday evening, February 23, 1917, was marked, as have been other parties given by this class during a three years' sojourn at Heppner High, by originality. When a "children's" party was announced for the evening it was looked forward to with pleasure and anticipation.

Lord Fauntleroy might have envied the white waists and knickerbockers of the boys, and Fifth Avenue taken notice of the girls' dresses in "sack apron effect." During the evening gum, candy and pop corn were much in evidence. Roll call was responded to by nursery rhymes. No one, not even the instructors, being allowed to "beg off." The room was tastefully decorated for the occasion, streamers of crimson and black, the class colors, being artistically used.

The evening passed pleasantly with music and games. Refreshments of ice cream and wafers were served. After some rousing school songs, the party broke up at 11:50, all agreeing that this party was the best ever.

Besides the members of the class, the invited guests were Superintendent H. H. Hoffman, Mrs. Lucy T. Wedding, Miss Long, Miss Schoenwald, Professor Atkinson and Mrs. Al Binns.

WILL WRESTLE FOR GRANT CHAMPIONSHIP

Glenn R. Hadley of Hardman and Johnnie Stucce of Hamilton, will wrestle a finish match at Monument March 16 for the championship of Grant county. Hadley is well known to the mat fans of Morrow county, having wrestled in Heppner last Fall. Stucce claims the championship of Grant county, and is said to be a fast man. All lovers of this sport are assured their money's worth when these two boys get together on the eve of St. Patrick's Day.

is incredible.

Only One Remedy Presented.

"The senate of the United States is the only legislative body in the world that cannot act when its majority is ready for action. A little group of willful men, representing no opinion but their own, have rendered the great government of the United States helpless and contemptible.

"The remedy? There is but one remedy. That is the rules of the senate shall be so altered that it can act. The country can be relied upon to draw the moral. I believe that the senate can be called upon to supply the means of action and save the country from disaster."

At the same time the president authorized the further statement that what rendered the situation even more grave than it had been supposed that it was the discovery that while the president, under his general constitutional powers could do much of what he had asked congress to empower him to do, it has been found that there were certain old statutes as yet un repealed which raised insuperable practical obstacles and virtually nullified his power.

Old Law Stands in Way.

The old law referred to by the president was passed by congress in 1819 and referred to the resistance of American merchantmen against the attack on privateers and privateers, but excluded from vessels which might be so attacked "a public armed vessel of a nation in amity with the United States."

Technically Germany is not at war with the United States and submarines are "public armed vessels" of Germany.

The president's statement followed a conference at the White House between Mr. Wilson, Secretary McAdoo, Postmaster-General Burleson, Colonel E. M. House, Vance O. McCormick and Secretary Tumulty.

Boardman

G. C. Blayden sold his general store to E. W. Mack the first of last week. Mr. Mack moved the groceries into his hardware store. Mr. Blayden has not decided what he will do, but probably will locate in this vicinity.

Jesse Lower who went to Wasco Saturday to visit his sister, returned Sunday.

Quite a number of homeseekers have been coming in all week and nearly all of the homesteads have been filed on.

Herb Sorhum of Hermiston was a visitor in town Monday.

Wm. Hatch and son came in Monday from Bend, where they had spent the winter. Mr. Hatch expects to improve his homestead land this spring. They left today for a short visit in Hermiston.

C. S. Burton returned to Boardman Wednesday.

Mrs. Pat Sissle of Hermiston came in Tuesday morning for a visit of a few days with Mrs. J. C. Ballenger.

Sawyers Orchestra of Pendleton will be in Heppner on the night of March 14th to furnish music for the Willamette University Glee Club, and following this entertainment there will be a dance, the orchestra furnishing the music for this attraction also.

John R. Olden of Rhea creek is spending the day in this city.

GOOD MEN ARE CHOSEN FOR ROAD COMMITTEE

Governor Withcombe has appointed as State Highway Commissioners the following: Simon Benson of Portland and for three years, W. L. Thompson of Pendleton, for two years, and E. J. Adams of Eugene for one year. Better men could not be found in the whole state. Mr. Benson is widely known as a good roads advocate and philanthropist, being the man who presented the drinking fountains to Portland. He is also the man who, all unknown to him, came near to being the godfather of this historic burg a year ago last Fall, when an effort was made to change the name of the town of Fossil to Benson. Mr. Thompson is a well known banker, who has served with credit as President of the State Bankers' Association and in other important positions. Mr. Adams is a former Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, who has been known for some years as one of the best boosters for good roads in the Willamette Valley and Coast counties. He is very able, highly esteemed by his neighbors and intensely practical—in fact a big man any way you take him.—Fossil Journal.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Many students have been leaving school recently. Paul Gemmell and Dan McIntyre left the other day for Bend, Ore., where they will work. Gladys Wattenburger has quit school as the family is leaving the city and Jared Alken, Earl Evans and Ted Young are also among those "not present." These pupils are missed very much around the old school, and we are hoping they will return next year.

The Ciceronian Literary Society will present a program at the High School Auditorium, March 9, at 2 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend. The program is as follows:

Music.....Double Quintet
Address, "Civilization's Great Mistakes".....Leo Nikolson
Music.....Grafonola
"The Reason Why a High School Student Should Study Parliamentary Law".....Garnett Barratt
"Economic Importance of Poultry".....Edgar Copenhaver
Reading.....Neva Chidsey
Music, "Fairy Waltz," Selected Choir
Music....."Fairy Waltz"
Selected Chorus
Reading.....Clara Brown
"U. S. Foreign Relations".....Jasper Crawford
"A Critical Situation." One Act
Ruth Van Vactor, Earl Gordon
Oral Parker

The stage in the auditorium has been greatly improved by the addition of a new roll curtain. The old curtain was a slide affair and was not very successful.

There will be another "Smokeless Smoker" at the Fair pavilion March 15. This will be given under the auspices of the Heppner High School Athletic Association, and those who have charge of it say that it is going to be equally as good as the first. Those who saw the first one will know what this means, as the first one was a very good entertainment of its kind.

PETITIONS ASK SEN. LANE RESIGN

Recall Not Applicable, So Plan of Redemption Is Proposed—Movement Statewide.

(Portland Oregonian.)

If Senator Harry Lane does not resign, it will not be for want of prompting.

Because of the doubtful legality of such action it seems unlikely that an effort will be made to recall him. The Federal Constitution prescribes the length of the terms of the United States Senators and it is the general opinion of lawyers that the state recall laws do therefore not apply.

But senator Lane is being plentifully reminded that he can meet the situation to the satisfaction of his constituents in Oregon by resigning. Many messages have been sent to him urging that he redeem in some measure for his stand against the President in the time of National crisis by turning in his resignation and permitting the State of Oregon to be represented in the United States Senate.

The Rotary Club, suspending rules, adopted a resolution disavowing Senator Lane's action in the filibuster and sent a message of support to President Wilson. The message declared that Senator Lane represented "the very vast majority of Oregon's citizenship" in his action.

The preamble to the petition which has been started asking for Senator Lane's resignation reads as follows: "Harry Lane, Senator of Oregon.—Sir: We, the undersigned voters of Oregon, view with shame and humiliation your failure to uphold the honor of the United States at this most critical moment of the entire history of our international relations.

"No words can adequately describe our chagrin that the state of Oregon should be so misrepresented and disgraced as it has been by your action.

"We indignantly protest against this action through the love we bear to our state and to our country, which you have dishonored and belittled before the eyes of the world, and we demand, on account of this misrepresentation, your resignation as a Senator from this state."

Services at Episcopal Church.

Rev. George B. Van Waters of Portland will conduct services at the Episcopal church next Sunday morning and in the evening Bishop Paddock will hold confirmation services. The public is cordially invited to attend.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

The annual recurrence of St. Patrick's Day brings to the Irishman and the man with Irish blood in his veins tender memories of the Old Land. With a love that cannot die, the exiles of Erin turn to their motherland. Upon occasions like this old memories are awakened, the hands upon Time's dial are turned backward, distance is obliterated, the ocean wastes are spanned, and again on Ireland's hillsides and valleys they roam fancy free amid childhood scenes. By holy wells once more their prayers are said; a mother's voice sounds like music in their ears; a father's kindly smile again sheds benedictions; the smoke of the turf fire rises, and in the shadows the faces of their beloved dead are framed. "Some on the shores of distant lands their weary hearts have laid, and by the stranger's heedless hands their lonely graves were made." "The dust of some of Ireland's earth—among their own they rest, and the same land that gave them birth has caught them to her breast"—and back to the old cradleland there surges that same devoted affection which sees sweet beauty in her wrinkled face of sorrow which centuries ago made the banished saint look longingly towards her emerald hills and sing: "There is honey in the trees where her misty vales expand. And her forests paths in summer are by falling waters fanned: There is dew at high noontide there, and springs in the yellow sand. On the green hills of holy Ireland." Here in Heppner the call of the motherland will be heard, and on the eve of St. Patrick's Day, Ireland's hopes and aspirations will be told of, and Irish melodies will gladden the hearts of the listeners.

Tax paying is now the order at the Court House and Sheriff McDuffee and Deputy Herren are kept busy filling out receipts. Collections in that line promise to be good this Spring.

LOCAL MAIL SERVICE WILL BE CRIPPLED

Word has been received here that the local mail service will be crippled after the 10th of this month. Wallace Gregg, the mail clerk on the Heppner branch line train has been notified that he will be laid off after that date. This action on the part of the postoffice department was not unexpected, since they have been taking off the mail clerks all over the Northwest.

In anticipation of this act, the local commercial club recently sent a protest to Washington, but it is doubtful whether any good will come from it or not. It is the ambition of the postoffice department to cut down expenses through this branch of the service. There is much unrest and apprehension in the Railway Mail Service, and although their organization has striven in some degree to reason with the postoffice department, their pleas for recognition have received but little consideration.

EYE SERIOUSLY INJURED

Jeff Beamer, local deliverman, received serious and painful injuries to his right eye one day last week when that member came in sharp contact with a locust thorn. Mr. Beamer was driving under the locust trees on the street at the back of the court house at the time of the accident. He considered it nothing more than a scratch at the time, but as his eye became more affected he called upon the doctor for surgical attention and a piece of the thorn fully an eighth of an inch long was extracted from the eye. A few days more and Mr. Beamer's sight in that eye would have been destroyed. Although he still suffers from the pain, Mr. Beamer will not lose his sight.

Will Teach For Two Years.

Professor and Mrs. W. L. Suddarth who have been employed for the past year in the Irrigon schools, have been hired for a period of two years. They have given the best of satisfaction in their school work and are actively interested in the general welfare of the community and the board was glad to close a long-time contract with them.—Boardman Bulletin.

PLAY AND SOCIAL HELD AT LIBERTY SCHOOL

Some three hundred people enjoyed "Mrs. Briggs' Poultry Yard" at the Liberty school house in District No. 11 on Saturday, March 3. Following the play, thirty-seven baskets were sold for a total amount of \$110. This money will be expended in buying new equipment for the school.

The comedy was played by the following eleven characters: Mrs. Briggs, a woman of business, Mrs. Walter Beckett; Ralph, Albert Adkins; Jimmy, Frank Barlow; Alvira, Dolly Allstott; Melissa, Elizabeth Allstott; her family, Silas Green, a near relative, Silva Huston; Mr. Lee, a wealthy neighbor, Howard Anderson; Virginia, his daughter, Edith Parker; Daisy Thornton, her friend, Ruth Parker; Mr. O'Connor, with no liking for goats, Walter Gay; Mandy Bates, whose tongue will stumble, Harry Green.

W. E. Cummings called in today and placed himself good with the G-T force for a year to come. Messrs. Cummings and Brown wound up a very successful year on their farm west of Heppner and are preparing to put in a large acreage again this Spring. They had begun plowing at a lively rate when the present cold spell hit this section and are anxious to see better weather.

COMMUNICATION.

Editor Gazette-Times:
Will you kindly publish the following statement of Mr. Levi Carroll which speaks for itself.

SAM E. VAN VACTOR.
Salem, Oregon, March 5, 1917.
Mr. Sam E. Van Vactor,
Heppner, Oregon.

Dear Sir:
"I am in receipt of your letter informing me that some one had circulated the report in Heppner that I left \$250.00 with you to provide for my family during my absence.

"This is, of course, infamously false as I left no funds whatever in your hands for such or any other purpose.

"You are at liberty to use this communication in any manner you may deem best."

Respectfully yours,
LEVI CARROLL.

NEWSY NOTES FROM THE IONE SECTION

J. A. Waters and wife spent part of last Sunday with Mrs. Cynthia Walker. Mrs. Waters came down Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Everson came over to Ione last Saturday from Stanfield to spend a few days with her mother and brother.

Mr. Cummins, our new bank cashier will be comfortably located in Ione. His wife came in on last Saturday's train.

Nelson & Londergan, both able bodied carpenters, are very busy these days building a flume for A. E. Johnson below town.

Born, at the home of W. T. McNabb, in Ione, to Mr. and Mrs. Gus Read, February 28, a boy. Mother and child are doing nicely.

The farmers of this locality are wistfully waiting for the weather man to send them some good weather so they can get started with their spring work.

J. E. Swanson and wife, and Mrs. Swen Troedson were in from their homes last Tuesday to do a little shopping. J. E. brought in a fine bunch of eggs.

Some one entered Bender's store last Saturday night through a window in the paper room. The till was apped and the marauder went out through the warehouse.

Frank Lindsay, one of our prosperous farmers, came in on last Friday's train. He was accompanied by Mrs. Lindsay. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay all the good wishes possible.

The grounds for the new garage are being prepared and it will not be long till Ione will put on a business-like appearance, with two new buildings going up only a block apart.

Smith and Snouse, who have purchased a new Caterpillar, are very busy these days rigging up their plows preparatory to starting the wheels rolling for a good big run.

The Ione public school, who have charge of the rink, are doing things up right. They have had the inside boarded up which makes it a great deal more comfortable for the patrons.

The revival meetings which were being held at the Baptist church closed last Sunday night, two parties being baptised at the evening service and several were taken into the church by letter.

Frank Engelman is having some carpenter work done on the restaurant formerly occupied by Geo. Brown. He is putting in a bowling alley, which will make some new amusement for the long evenings.

The good people of the Congregational church of Ione are adding a couple of rooms to the parsonage which will enhance the comforts of the minister and his family. Mr. Dodson is engineering the work.

W. T. McNabb, who has been having a hard siege of rheumatism so some time, is getting around slowly. We say he guesses he will have to go up to the springs and boil out for a few days before he feels very spry again.

We will have a Glee Club with us on the night of the 16th, which will give the citizens of Ione and locality a splendid entertainment. It is a rare thing that many of us have a chance to attend anything of this nature and if we miss this we will miss a pleasant evening.

J. H. Bryson has made some splendid improvements on his garage which give him a great deal more shop room as well as a great deal more comfortable place to work. The addition allows more storage room as well as giving him a nice office with room for the storing of extras.

Some of the members of the different lodges in Ione are preparing a play and entertainment, followed by a grand ball, to be given to the public on the night of 23rd. There will be some class to this and those who miss it will miss a rare treat. We understand that Parson's Orchestra has been engaged for the occasion.

We were startled from our regular routine of duties the other day by the loud peals of the fire bell. The ceiling of C. B. Sperry's house had caught fire from a defective terra cotta flue. The fire brigade responded promptly, but the bucket brigade had the fire extinguished before it was necessary to turn the water on.

The school play given at the rink last Saturday night was a huge success. The name of the play was "Peg 'O My Heart" and it was pulled off in splendid shape. There was a large crowd in attendance and the building was very comfortable. A dance was given after the play and the young people spent a very pleasant evening. Roy Cochran, Charles Chick, Uncle Mun and Earl Blake furnished music for the dance.